

SCIENCE

HOW DOES THIS SUBJECT FIT IN?					
EYFS Framework: Understanding the World	KS1 National Curriculum	KS2 National Curriculum			
	Aims of Science (from National Curriculum):				
 develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understa 	nding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry a	and physics			
 develop understanding of the nature, processes and m 	ethods of science through different types of science enquiri	ies that help them to answer scientific questions about the			
world around them, including the use of common voca	bulary and scientific terminology				
 are equipped with the scientific knowledge required to 	o understand the uses and implications of science, today and	d for the future.			
	What this looks like in EYFS:				
Science at Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) is cov	rered in the 'Understanding the World' area of the EYF	S Framework. It is introduced indirectly through activities			
that encourage children to explore, problem solve, obser	ve, predict, think, make decisions and talk about the w	vorid around them. Early Years Science learning also helps			
children in other areas of the EYFS Framework, such as P	hysical Development and Expressive Arts & Design.				
They will observe and manipulate They will learn to use t	heir senses to feel objects and listen to sounds in the e	environment. They will make observations of animals &			
plants and explain why some things occur and talk about	changes. The children are encouraged to ask question	is about why things happen and how things work, and			
what they think will happen.					
	What this looks like in KS1:				
 The principal focus of science teaching in key states constructed world around them. They should be 	ge 1 is to enable pupils to experience and observe phe encouraged to be curious and ask questions about wh	nomena, looking more closely at the natural and humanly-			
 They should be beined to develop their understa 	nding of scientific ideas by using different types of science	at they notice.			
• They should be helped to develop their didersta	nume of scientific liceas by using different types of science and classifying things, carrying out	t simple comparative tests, and finding things out using			
secondary sources of information. They should b	egin to use simple scientific language to talk about wh	at they have found out and communicate their ideas to a			
range of audiences in a variety of ways. Most of t	be learning about science should be done through the	as they have found out and communicate their ideas to a			
also be some use of appropriate secondary source	res such as books, photographs and videos	ase of mist-hand practical experiences, but there should			
 Pupils should read and shell scientific vocabulary 	at a level consistent with their increasing word readin	g and snelling knowledge at key stage 1			
	What this looks like in Lower KS2.	ש מות שביוווש אוסיייבעשב מג אבץ שנמצב ב.			
• The principal focus of science teaching in lower k	ev stage 2 is to enable nunils to broaden their scientifi	c view of the world around them. They should do this			
through exploring, talking about testing and dev	eloping ideas about everyday phenomena and the rela	ationships between living things and familiar			
environments, and by beginning to develop their	ideas about functions, relationships and interactions				
 They should ask their own questions about what 	they observe and make some decisions about which the	vnes of scientific enquiry are likely to be the best ways of			
answering them, including observing changes ov	er time, noticing natterns, grouning and classifying thir	ngs, carrying out simple comparative and fair tests and			
finding things out using secondary sources of info	prmation. They should draw simple conclusions and us	e some scientific language, first, to talk about and later, to			
write about what they have found out.					
 Pupils should read and spell scientific vocabulary 	correctly and with confidence. using their growing wo	ord reading and spelling knowledge.			

What this looks like in Upper KS2:

- The principal focus of science teaching in upper key stage 2 is to enable pupils to develop a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas. They should do this through exploring and talking about their ideas; asking their own questions about scientific phenomena; and analysing functions, relationships and interactions more systematically.
- At upper key stage 2, they should encounter more abstract ideas and begin to recognise how these ideas help them to understand and predict how the world operates. They should also begin to recognise that scientific ideas change and develop over time. They should select the most appropriate ways to answer science questions using different types of scientific enquiry, including observing changes over different periods of time, noticing patterns, grouping and classifying things, carrying out comparative and fair tests and finding things out using a wide range of secondary sources of information. Pupils should draw conclusions based on their data and observations, use evidence to justify their ideas, and use their scientific knowledge and understanding to explain their findings.
- Pupils should read, spell and pronounce scientific vocabulary correctly.

Programmes of Study	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Plants	Plants	1a: In the Garden	2a: Growing Plants	3a: Investigating Plants			
Animals including Humans	Bodies	1b: Different Animals	2b: Growth & Survival	3b: Healthy Eating & Healthy Bodies	4a: Teeth & Digestion	5a: Life Cycles	6a: Humans & Health
Living Things & Their Habitats		1c: Seasonal Changes	2c: Habitats		4b: Classification & Interdependence		6b Classification 6c: Evolution & Inheritance
Materials	Objects	1d: Everyday Materials	2d: Uses of Everyday Materials	3c: Rocks, Fossils & Soils	4c: Solids, Liquids & Gases	5b: Changes of Materials	
Light & Sound	Senses			3d: Light & Shadows	4d: Sounds & Vibrations		6d: Light
Forces	Moving			3e: Forces & Magnets		5c: Earth & Space 5d: Forces	
Electricity					4e: Circuits and Components		6e: Electricity

Overview of units taught:

Progression in Scientific Knowledge

Bold statements are direct expectations from the National Curriculum. Others are from 'non-statutory' guidance, and those in italics are opportunities to stretch learners further.

Plants

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	 identify something as a plant 	Root, stem, tree, leaf, flower,
Plants	 name some common plants, identify leaf, root, stem and flower 	water, seed, plant,
	 recognise that plants need water to grow 	
	name some places plants live	
	identify the seeds in a fruit	
Y1	 make observations of plants, including flowers and vegetables they have planted 	petal, tall, taller, tallest, wild, trunk,
In the Garden	 identify the leaf, root, stem and flower of a plant 	similar, different, within, under,
	 identify the trunk, branch, roots and leaves of a tree 	next to, soil, blossom, fruit, leaves,
	 know that plants produce seeds 	branch, bulbs, shrub, alive,
	identify differences between plants	vegetables, grass, garden, habitat,
	• identify and describe the basic structure of a variety of common flowering plants, including trees	deciduous, earth, evergreen,
	name some common plants	compost, non-living, living, not
	 name some plants that live in the garden 	alive, dead, artificial
	name some plants that live in the wild	Names e.g. daffodil, daisy,
	name some trees in the local environment	sunflower, rose, lavender, tulip,
	 recognise that different plants live in the local environment 	snowdrop, holly, dandelion, oak,
	 use simple identification guides to name plants in the local environment 	beech, chestnut, pine
	 identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and 	
	evergreen trees	
	compare and contrast different plants	
	sequence pictures of how plants changes over time	
	describe how deciduous trees changes throughout the year	
	 explain why some plants are only seen at certain times of the year 	
Y2	 know that flowering plants produce seeds which grow into new plants 	seedling, bulb, buds, shoot, water,
Growing Plants	 know that some plants have bulbs from which they grow 	sun light, seeds, nuts, fruit stones,
	make observations of plants over time	warm, grow, temperature
	 explore how plants from seeds and bulbs grow 	
	 describe what happens to bulbs during the plant cycle as they grow 	
	 describe what happens to a seed as it grows and develops 	
	 describe what they observe as new plants grow 	

	observe and describe how seeds and hulbs grow into mature plants	
	compare the plant cycle for a plant from a cood with that from a bulb	
	 compare the plant cycle for a plant from a seed with that from a bub suggest how to find out about what plants need in order to grow wall 	
	• suggest now to find out about what plants need in order to grow well	
	 recognise that plants are living and need water, light and warmth to grow 	
	describe differences between plants grown in the light and in the dark	
	 find out and describe how plants need water, light and a suitable temperature to grow and stay 	
	healthy	
	• explain how to look after a variety of plants	
	 know that a seed and bulb both contain everything a plant needs to grow 	
	 explain that seeds and bulbs do not need light to germinate and identify how this is different to the needs of a plant 	
	 explain how plants in the desert survive with little water and plants in the rainforest survive with 	
	little light	
Y3	identify parts of flowering plants	Ground, transport, attract bees.
Investigating Plants	 identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants; roots, stem/trunk. 	catch sunshine, green, air.
	leaves and flowers	nutrients growth pollen.
	 describe why healthy roots and a healthy stem are needed for plants to grow 	nollination seed formation seed
	 recognise that the leaves of a plant are associated with healthy growth and more specifically 	dispersal, carpel, stamen, anther
	nutrition	style nutrition support anchor
	 recognise that plants need light water and warmth and healthy leaves roots and stems in order to 	reproduction
	grow well	reproduction
	 know that water travels from the roots up the stem 	
	explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air light water nutrients from soil and	
	room to grow) and how they yary from plant to plant	
	 know that plants make their own food 	
	know that printes make their own rood know that fertilisers contain minerals	
	• understand that plants absorb minerals from the soil (Teacher Note: plants create their own food	
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	 describe how changes to light and fertiliser affect plant growth 	
	• evolution that differences in plant arowth are due to the amount of light and/or water	
	investigate the way in which water is transported within plants	
	 describe how the stem has a role in support and putrition (transport of water) 	
	evolain why healthy roots and a healthy stem are needed for plants to arow	
	explain why neuriny roots and a neuriny stem are needed for plants to grow	
	formation and cood disportal	
	iormation and seed dispersal	
	describe why plants need flowers	

sequence pictures to show the life cycle of a plant
 describe how pollen and seeds are dispersed
explain the role of bees and insects in pollination
describe the processes of pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal
compare the roots of different plants (e.g. desert plants or rainforest trees
(Teacher Note: rainforest trees have very shallow roots as the quality of the soil is more and most of
the nutrients are near the surface)

Animals, including humans

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	identify something as an animal	Animal, head, legs, arms, knee,
Bodies	name some places animals live	elbow, neck, face, feet, hands,
	identify and locate parts of their body	bread, potatoes, apples, cereals,
	 identify and locate parts of animals bodies 	rice, meat, fish, milk, running,
	 use their observations to describe humans and other animals 	jumping, swimming, walking,
	name a very limited range of food	chicken, hen, kitten, cat, puppy,
	can identify types of exercise	dog, duckling, duck
	 name baby, child, adult and the young of some other animals 	
Y1	identify and name a selection of animals	Body parts: eyes, ears, elbows,
Different	 identify and sort animals into different groups 	hair, mouth, nose, teeth, paw,
Animals	 name the different groups of animals 	hoof, tail, fin, shell, skin, wings,
	• identify and name a variety of common animals including fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and mammals	beak, fir, scales, feathers
	make observations of animals	Fish: goldfish, tuna, salmon
	 know that animals eat different types of food 	Birds: blackbird, magpie, robin,
	 identify the food of some common animals 	sparrow, crow, swan. Reptiles:
	 recall and use the words: carnivore, herbivore and omnivore 	snake, lizard, tortoise
	 identify and name a variety of common animals that are carnivores, herbivores and omnivores 	Mammals: mouse, horse, cow,
	 group animals that belong to: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores 	sheep, hamster, rabbit
	use their observations to point out differences between humans and other animals and between animals	Amphibians: frog, toad, newt
	and non-living things	Senses: feel, hear, smell, see,
	• describe and compare the structure of a variety of common animals (fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds and	taste, touch
	mammals, including pets)	Carnivore, omnivore, herbivore
	identify and locate the sense organs	
	 use senses to describe textures, sounds and smells 	
	compare differences in texture, sounds and smells	

	•	name and locate the basic parts of the human body	
	•	draw and label a simple body outline	
	•	describe differences between the different animal groups (e.g. birds have feathers but mammals have fur)	
	•	identify animals which are more likely to be seen in different seasons	
	•	explain why some animals are only seen at night	
Y2	•	recognise that animals produce young	Baby, toddler, adult, eggs, fruit,
Growth and	•	notice that animals, including humans, have offspring which grow into adults	vegetables, water, fibre, meat,
Survival	•	recognise changes that take place as animals get older	fish, cheese, beans
	•	explain that adult animals no longer grow	washing, exercise, diet
	•	describe some differences they observe between babies and toddler	offspring
	•	make comparisons of the differences they observe between babies and toddlers	
	•	identify the offspring of a selection of different animals	
	•	use evidence to show that adult animals no longer grow	
	•	use evidence to show that children of the same age are not all the same size	
	•	use evidence to show that older children are generally taller than younger children	
	•	find out about and describe the basic needs of animals, including humans, for survival (water, food and	
		air)	
	•	explain how to look after a pet describing what it needs to survive	
	•	describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and	
		hygiene	
	•	recognise that exercise is important	
	•	name some types of food	
	•	identify some types of food that make up their diet and name some examples of each	
	•	recognise that an adequate diet and exercise are necessary for them to grow and stay healthy	
	•	describe some of the types of food that they eat	
Y3	•	identify some foods needed for a healthy and varied diet	Balanced diet, carbohydrates,
Healthy Eating	•	name the components of a healthy and varied diet	protein, fats, fibre, fruit and
and Healthy	•	describe how their diet is balanced	vegetables, bones, muscles,
Bodies	•	identify that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they	femur, ribs, spine, tibia,
		cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat	shoulder blade, hollow, relax
	•	describe the role of different food groups	and contract, protect, support,
	•	compare and contrast diets of animals including pets	internal skeleton, exoskeleton
	•	describe an adequate and varied diet for humans, recognising that there are many ways of achieving this	
	•	know they have bones and muscles in their body	
	•	state that they and other animals have skeletons	
	•	identify animals that do not have an internal skeleton (invertebrates)	

	 group animals with and without an internal skeleton 	
	 describe some advantages of having an internal skeleton over no skeleton or an exoskeleton 	
	describe some observable characteristics of bones	
	 describe the main functions of their skeletons 	
	 state that movement depends on both skeleton and muscles 	
	state that when one muscle contracts another relaxes	
	 identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and 	
	movement	
	 recognise that their skeletons grow as they grow 	
	 describe problems associated with broken bones or bones diseases 	
Y4	• identify a wider range of body parts, including some internal organs (large intestine, small intestine, brain,	Teeth and eating: incisor, molar,
Teeth and	lungs, heart, stomach, oesophagus)	canine, diet, decay, healthy,
Digestion	 locate and name the different organs in the digestive system 	teeth, acids, sugars, mouth, rip,
	 describe the role of each organ in the digestive system 	tear, chew, grind
	 describe the simple functions of the basic parts of the digestive system in humans 	Digestive system: saliva tongue,
	explain why food needs to be broken down	toilet waste, nutrients energy,
	 recognise they need to take care of their teeth 	stomach, large/small intestine,
	 name the different types of teeth 	brain, lungs, movement, acids,
	 describe the role of each type of teeth in digestion 	urine, faeces, oesophagus
	 identify the different types of teeth in humans and their simple functions 	
	 explain how they should look after their teeth and recognise why they need to do so 	
	 explain why dentists are concerned about the amount of sugar children have 	
	 state that animals have different diets and may have different kinds of teeth 	
	 explain how fossilised teeth give us clues about an animals' diet 	
	 explain why the teeth of certain types of animals need to be different 	
	 explain why humans do not have a full set of adult teeth at birth 	
Y5	 describe the changes as humans develop to old age 	New born, infant, child,
Life Cycles	 identify ways in which the appearance of humans changes as they get older 	teenager, puberty, adult,
(This could be	 identify some characteristics that will not change with age 	wrinkles, grey hair, height,
taught with	 recognise stages in growth and development of humans including puberty 	weight,
livings things		
and their		
habitats)		
Y6	 identify and name the parts of the circulatory system 	Heart, veins, arteries,
Humans and	 know that the heart is made of muscle 	capillaries, blood, pulse, beats,
Health	describe what the heart and blood vessels do	oxygen, carbon dioxide

 identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the 	nutrients, organs, drugs,
heart, blood vessels and blood	medicines, minerals, vitamins,
 state how to measure pulse rate 	lungs, caffeine, medical, legal,
 recognise that pulse rate is a measure of how fast the heart is beating 	illegal
 discover that during exercise the heart beats faster to take blood more rapidly to the muscles 	
 make careful measurements of pulse rate 	
 describe the different functions of the blood (e.g. transporting and protecting) 	
 know that the blood comes from the heart in arteries and returns to the heart in veins 	
 know that blood carries oxygen and other essential materials around the body 	
 explain how ideas about the circulatory system have changed over time 	
 identify some of the harmful effects of smoking 	
 recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function describe the 	
ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals, including humans	
 recognise that care needs to be taken with medicines and that they can be dangerous 	
 give several reasons why it is sometimes necessary to take medicines 	
 identify some harmful effects of drugs 	
 identify food as a fuel for the body 	
 name the major groups into which food is categorised and identify sources for each group 	
 describe the main function of organs of the human body 	
 explain the effect of diet on particular organs of the body / aspects of health 	
 explain the effect of exercise on particular organs of the body/aspects of health 	
 explain how ideas about smoking have changed over time 	
explain why advice on diet changes	
(e.g. butter vs margarine, five a day, tax on sugary drinks)	

Living things and their habitats

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	See 'Animals including humans'	
Y1	 observe changes across the four seasons 	Seasons: Autumn, Spring,
Seasonal changes	identify what to observe	Summer, Winter,
	 use descriptive words, photos and pictures to record changes 	deciduous, evergreen,
	 collect evidence of changes (e.g. leaves, seeds, flowers) 	shoot, fruit, earth, seeds,
	name the four seasons	leaves, flowers, weather
	 recall simple changes associated with each season 	types: rain, hail, snow, ice,
	 observe and name types of weather (e.g. rain, sun, wind, clouds) 	frost, sun, showers, wind,
	 observe and describe weather associated with the seasons and how day length varies 	reproduce, babies/adults,
	 identify what to measure about the weather 	life cycles, birds, insects,

	use prepared tables and charts to record data	cold, warm, hot, sunrise,
	 use secondary data to describe weather in another setting 	sunset
	• explain why animals are easier to spot at different times of year (e.g. migrating birds, hibernating animals)	
Y2	 with help, use keys to identify some animals and plants 	Dead, alive, living, non-
Habitats	 recognise that different plants live in the local environment 	living, habitats, keys,
	identify some local habitats	breathe, grow, eat, have
	 describe the simple features of habitats 	babies, move, sense, go to
	 recognise a microhabitat as a small habitat (e.g. leaf litter, woodlice under stones) 	the toilet, habitat,
	describe some microhabitats	microhabitat, food chain
	 identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro- habitats 	
	 recognise similarities and differences between plants and animals 	
	• explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never	
	been alive	
	 explain differences between living and non-living things in terms of characteristics such as movement and growth 	
	 use their observations to point out differences between animals, plants and non-living things 	
	 recognise that plants provide food for humans and other animals within an environment 	
	 construct a simple food chain (e.g. grass, cow, human) 	
	• describe how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food	
	chain, and identify and name different sources of food	
	 name a few of the organisms that live in a particular habitat 	
	 suggest reasons why different plants and animals are found in the different environments 	
	 identify that most living things live in habitats to which they are suited and describe how different 	
	habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on	
	each other	
	compare animals found in familiar habitats with unfamiliar habitats	
	• compare plants found in familiar habitats with unfamiliar habitats	
	• use different factors to compare a range of habitats (e.g. water, light, temperature)	
Y4	• explore and use classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things in their local	Predator, prey, producer,
Classification and	and wider environment	river, ocean, desert, arctic.
Interdependence	 recognise that living things can be grouped in a variety of ways 	rainforest, mountain.
(This includes food	• explore ways of grouping living things including animals and plants (flowering and non-flowering)	farmland, wood, dry, wet.
chains statement	 recognise that animals can be grouped into vertebrates and invertebrates 	vegetation, shelter.
from animals	 describe some of the characteristics of the vertebrate (fish. mammals. amphibians. reptiles and birds) 	vertebrate, invertebrate.
including humans.)	groups (e.g. warm-blooded, have fur, lay eggs)	classify, characteristic.
		flowering plant, non-

	 group animals into vertebrate (fish, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds) and invertebrates groups (snails, slugs, spiders, worms and insects) explain why some animals are hard to classify (e.g. platypus, echidna, bat, flightless birds) identify that some animals feed on other animals and some on plants represent feeding relationships with simple food chains recognise that a food chain must always start with a green plant (a producer) represent feeding relationships within a habitat with food chains beginning with a green plant which 'produces' food for the other organisms recognise that green plants are the ultimate source of food for all animals use and understand the terms: producer, predator and prey construct and interpret a variety of food chains, identifying producers, predators and prey (Teacher Note: statement moved from NC 'Animals including humans' to improve progression within topics) use food chains to predict what might happen to the numbers of an organism if there are suddenly more predators or less prey know the function of some of the more complex features which aid survival in specific habitats (e.g. gills, blubber, camouflage) describe why different animals and plants live in different habitats recognise that environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers to living things describe how humans can cause changes to environments explain why it is necessary to use a reasonably large sample when investigating the preferences of small invertebrates explain that different organisms are found in different habitats because of differences in environmental factors describe how humans have negatively impacted environments (e.g. pollution, deforestation, introduction of invasive species) 	flowering plant (fern, moss)
Y5 Life Cycles	 sequence the life cycles of a variety of plants and animals recognise the similarities in the life cycles of plants, animals and humans <i>describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird</i> name the parts of a flower describe the functions of some parts of a flower describe the main functions of parts of a plant involved in reproduction describe the processes of sexual and asexual reproduction in plants name the parts of the human reproductive system describe the simple functions of parts of the human reproductive system 	Live young, hatch, tadpole, caterpillar, butterfly, ladybird, pupae, larvae, chrysalis, reproduction, asexual, sexual, life cycle, pollination, seed dispersal, pollen, stamen, stigma

	compare methods of seed dispersal	
	 know that most animals reproduce by sexual reproduction 	
	compare internal and external fertilisation in animals	
	 explain that living things need to reproduce if the species is to survive 	
	• compare gestation periods (pregnancy) of different animals	
	• explain what is unusual about the life cycle of a kangaroo or koala	
Y6	recognise that there is a wide variety of living things	Micro-organism, microbe,
Classification	 understand why classification is important 	fungus, bacteria, virus,
	 identify vertebrates and invertebrates 	classified, classification
	 name and describe the five vertebrate groups 	key, yeast, characteristic,
	 describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable 	microscope
	characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals	
	devise own keys to classify organisms and objects	
	 give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics 	
	• describe early ideas about classification (e.g. Aristotle)	
	 understand there are living things that are too small to be seen and these can affect our lives 	
	 recognise that there are many micro-organisms, some which can cause illness or decay 	
	 recognise that there are useful micro-organisms which can be used in food production 	
	 describe how micro-organisms feed, grow and reproduce like other organisms 	
	 describe evidence, from investigations, that yeast is living 	
	• explain how micro-organisms can move from one food source to another or from one animal to another	
	 compare the rate of reproduction in microorganisms to other animals 	
	• describe how the development of the microscope has contributed to our understanding of microorganisms	
	• describe how ideas about hygiene have changed over time (e.g. Semmelweis)	
Evolution and		
Inheritance	 recognise variation in different species (e.g. dogs, horses) 	
	 recognise that offspring have some of the features of their parents 	
	• recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not	
	identical to their parents	
	 recognise that animals have to compete for food 	
	 describe how animals avoid predators (e.g. speed, camouflage) 	Variety, variation,
	 describe how animals and plants are adapted to their environments 	offspring, species,
	 identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that 	competition, adapt,
	adaptation may lead to evolution	adaptation, reproduce,
	 explain how being well adapted to an environment means an organism is more likely to survive 	survive, evolve, fossil
		record, gills, blubber,

•	explain that animals which are better adapted to an environment are more likely to survive, reproduce and	moulting, long neck,
	pass on characteristics to their offspring meaning the animal species will gradually change and evolve	hooves, eyelashes, tails,
	(giraffe with the tallest neck could reach more leaves to feed on)	generation
•	recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living	
	things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago	
•	explain why we do not have a complete fossil record	
•	describe the story of the peppered moth and how this provides evidence for natural selection	
•	explain how antibiotic resistant bacteria provide evidence for natural selection	
•	explain why we can see evidence for natural selection in fast reproducing organisms like bacteria (e.g.	
	antibiotic resistant bacteria and pesticide resistant insects)	
•	explain how the introduction of a new species to an isolated environment can effect native species (e.g.	
	Dodo, Kakapo or Stephen's island wren)	
•	compare the ideas of Darwin and Lamarck on evolution	

Materials

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	make observations of common objects	
Objects	make very simplistic observations of materials	
	arrange materials into groups	
	 identify when changes occur e.g. when food is cooked 	
Y1	name some common materials	Hard, stiff, rough, not bendy,
Everyday	 name some common objects around the school and home 	opaque, strong, soft, shiny,
Materials	 distinguish between an object and the material from which it is made 	smooth, waterproof, stretchy,
	• name materials which have lots of different uses (e.g. paper- wrapping paper, tissue paper, writing paper,	material, transparent, dull,
	birthday card)	bendy, absorbent, wood,
	 identify some naturally occurring materials: wood, rock, water 	plastic, glass, magnetic, elastic,
	 identify some man-made materials: glass, metal, plastic 	fabric, metal, water, rock,
	 identify and name a variety of everyday materials, including wood, plastic, glass, metal, water, and rock 	
	 describe objects that are made from lots of different materials 	
	• names objects that are sometimes made from different materials (e.g. spoons- plastic, wooden, metal)	
	 make observations of common objects and the different materials they are made of 	
	 communicate these observations using descriptive words (e.g. bendy, rough, hard) 	
	 identify some properties of materials (e.g. see through, waterproof, absorbent) 	
	 describe the simple physical properties of a variety of everyday materials 	
	 make predictions about which materials will float and sink 	
	 compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of their simple physical 	
	properties (both visible and non-visible)	

	explain why people started using plastic bags rather than paper bags	
Y2 Use of Everyday Materials	 identify uses of some common materials give a reason why a material is suitable for its job recognise that some materials will have more than one property which increases its suitability for its purpose (e.g. glass is transparent, rigid and weatherproof) identify and compare the suitability of a variety of everyday materials, including wood, metal, plastic, glass, brick, rock, paper and cardboard for particular uses suggest several reasons why a material may or may not be suitable for a particular purpose explain why one material may be more suitable for a purpose than another by discussing properties explain why plastics cause problems in the oceans explain the importance of reusing and recycling plastic describe how scientists have invented new materials (e.g. Macintosh, Dunlop) identify materials that can be easily changed with force identify materials that cannot be easily changed with force describe pushes and pulls needed to change a material as big or small find out how the shapes of solid objects made from some materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching describe changes in shapes as a result of the action of pushes, pulls and twists explain why some materials change shape when a force acts (i.e. push, pull, twist, stretch) as a result of their properties 	Brick, cardboard, transparent, waterproof, insulate, keep warm, hard, rigid, strong, flexible, squash, stretch, twist, bend
Y3 Rocks, Fossils and Soil	 observe the characteristics of a variety of rocks name and describe the characteristics of several rocks identify fossils in rocks classify rocks from the evidence of investigations explain that rocks are used for different purposes dependent on their physical properties explain that different types of rock react differently to physical forces (e.g. water, rubbing) compare and group together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties understand that there are rocks under the Earths' surface relate the simple physical properties of some rocks to their formation explain why certain rocks are used for different purposes and why some rocks could be used for these jobs for example: 	Rock, soil, marble, granite, sand, stone, slate, chalk, clay, texture, absorbed, permeable, pebble, characteristic, surface, organic, impermeable, crystal, grains, crumbly, igneous, sedimentary, metamorphic, fossil,

	 Marble- kitchen worktops or statues Slate roof tiles Granite walls explain how a model (e.g. biscuits, chocolate bars) can be used to represent sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks explain why we might find lots of the same types of rock in one place describe in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock describe how Mary Anning discovered fossils explain why we do not see the soft parts of animals in fossils recognise that soil is a mixture of different materials and living things recognise that soil contains dead plants and animals recognise that there is rock under all surfaces and that soils come from rocks recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter 	
Y4 Solids, Liquids and Gases	 name some solids and liquids state that air is a gas state some differences between solids, liquids and gases recognise everyday substances as mixtures of solids, liquids and/or gases recognise that air is a material and that it is one of a range of gases which have important uses recognise that gases flow from place to place know that gases can be easily compressed describe the differences between solids and liquids describe the differences between solids and liquids describe the behaviour and properties of gases compare and group materials together, according to whether they are solids, liquids or gases make clear distinctions between the properties of solids, liquids and gases explain why granular solids have some of the properties associated with liquids explain why some substances are hard to classify as solids, liquids and gases (e.g. whipped cream, mousse, mayonnaise, muddy water, fizzy drinks, cornflour and water) observe what happens to a variety of materials when they are heated (e.g. chocolate, ice cream, butter, water) identify a wide range of contexts in which changes of state take place describe a few examples where these changes occur recognise that for a substance to be detected by smell, some of it must be in the gas state observe that some materials change state when they are heated or cooled, and measure or research the temperature at which this happens in degrees Celsius (°C) 	Water, air, ice, milk, lemonade, juice, metal, solid, liquid, gas, pour, flow, change shape, squash, heat, cool, grain/granular, temperature, thermometer, freeze, melt, boil, evaporate, condense, steam, smoke, sea water, properties, melting point, degrees Celsius,

	compare the boiling point of different liquids	
	state that ice, water and steam are the same material	
	 identify the processes of melting, freezing, evaporation and condensation 	
	 describe what happens to water when it is heated and cooled 	
	 recognise that these processes can be reversed 	
	 describe how when ice melts it turns to liquid and how when water freezes it becomes ice 	
	 describe how these processes can be reversed 	
	 describe how liquids evaporate to form gases and how gases condense to form liquids 	
	 sequence the changes that happen in the water cycle 	
	 describe the water cycle in terms of these processes 	
	 explain the relationship between liquids and solids in terms of melting and freezing 	
	explain the relationship between liquids and gases in terms of evaporation and condensation	
	• identify the part played by evaporation and condensation in the water cycle and associate the rate of	
	evaporation with temperature	
	 know that temperature can affect the rate of evaporation or condensation 	
	describe the effect of temperature on evaporation	
	• explain how changing conditions affects processes such as evaporation and condensation	
	• identify a range of contexts in which changes take place (e.g. evaporation of puddles in the school playground	
	or from clothes on a washing line, condensation in the bathroom)	
	• explore the effect of salt on ice	
	 explain why salt is put on the roads in winter 	
Y5	• observe and explore the properties of materials (e.g. hardness, transparency, magnetism, electrical and	Hardness solubility
Changes of	thermal conductivity)	transparency, conductivity.
Materials	 identify some materials that are good thermal insulators and some everyday uses of these 	thermal, insulation, dissolve
materials	 recognise that metals are both good thermal and good electrical conductors 	solution separation polymers
	 suggest why particular materials are used for different jobs depending on their properties 	reversible irreversible
	 compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties including their hardness 	evanorating melting
	solubility transparency conductivity (electrical and thermal) and response to magnets	evanoration filtering sieving
	 give reasons based on evidence from comparative and fair tests for the particular uses of everyday 	dissolving hurning rusting
	materials including metals wood and plastic	vinegar hicarbonate of soda
	 describe the properties of new materials (e.g. gerogel silly nutty wrinkle-free cotton) 	magnetism insulators
	 evolution why some materials are good thermal insulators 	conductors soluble insoluble
	 explain why some materials are your mermainsulators recognise that salt or sugar dissolves in water but sand won't 	conductors, soluble, insoluble
	 recognise that salt of sugar dissolves in water but salid woll t 	

name some materials that will and some that will not dissolve in water	
 recognise that although it is not possible to see a dissolved solid, it remains in the solution 	
 describe melting and dissolving and give everyday examples of each 	
describe the difference between melting and dissolving	
 identify and explore factors that affect the rate at which a solid dissolves 	
 recognise that an undissolved solid can be separated from a liquid by filtering 	
 recognise that a solid can be recovered from a solution by evaporation 	
 describe the properties of mixtures which can be separated by filtration 	
 describe some methods that are used to separate simple mixtures 	
 explain that when solids dissolve they break up so small they can pass through the holes in the filter paper 	
 know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a 	
substance from a solution	
 use knowledge about how a specific mixture can be separated to suggest ways in which other similar 	
mixtures might be separated	
 use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through 	
filtering, sieving and evaporating	
 recognise that inks and dyes are often mixtures of different colours and these can be separated by 	
chromatography	
explain why ink or dye moves up the paper in chromatography	
 recognise that dissolving is a reversible change 	
 recognise that some changes can be reversed and some cannot 	
 recognise that changes of state are reversible 	
 demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes 	
 observe and explore a variety of chemical changes (e.g. burning) 	
 identify whether some changes are reversible or not 	
recognise dissolving as reversible	
 classify some changes as reversible (e.g. dissolving) and others as irreversible (e.g. burning) 	
 recognise that irreversible changes often make new and useful materials 	
 recognise the hazards of burning materials 	
 describe what happens when acid and bicarbonate of soda are mixed 	
 explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials, and that this kind of change is not 	
usually reversible, including changes associated with burning and the action of acid on bicarbonate of soda	
explain that in some cases the new materials made are gases and identify some evidence for the production	
of gases (e.g. vigorous bubbling)	

Light and sound

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	 know that it is dangerous to look at the sun 	
Senses	 relate their sense of sight to their eyes 	
	 relate their sense of hearing to their ears 	
Y3	 name a number of light sources, including the sun 	Shadow, light, flames,
Light and	 describe and compare some light sources 	opaque, block, direction,
Shadows	 state that light sources are seen when light from them enters the eyes 	light, travels, shortest,
	 recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes 	longest, highest, torch,
	 recognise that they cannot see in the dark 	shape, similar, transparent,
	 recognise that light travels from a source 	translucent, light source,
	 recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light 	sun, object daytime, night-
	 explain that places are dark because there is no light and a light source is needed to help us see in such places 	time, reflect, shine, shiny,
	 notice that light is reflected from surfaces 	absorb, reflective surface,
	 state that reflections can be seen in shiny surfaces 	surface, mirror, sundial,
	 makes generalisations about shiny surfaces (e.g. smooth) 	block, lamp
	 demonstrate light travelling using a torch and record light bouncing off a mirror 	
	 identify suitable reflective clothing for travelling in the dark 	
	 explain that they cannot see shiny objects in the dark because there are no light sources 	
	 recognise that when light is blocked, a shadow is formed 	
	 recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by a solid object 	
	 recognise that shadows are similar in shape to the objects forming them 	
	 make observations of changes in shadows 	
	 explain that shadows are formed when light from a source is blocked 	
	 state that even transparent objects block some light and form shadows 	
	 describe the difference in shadows cast by opaque, translucent and transparent materials 	
	 explore how to make shadows of different shapes and sizes 	
	 find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change 	
	 use ideas about shadows to make predictions about the shadows formed by different objects or materials 	
	 describe how the length of a shadow changes throughout the day as the sun moves across the sky 	
	• describe how nocturnal animals are adapted to use what little light there is or their other senses in the dark (e.g.	
	cats, aye-aye, lemurs)	
	 describe how Percy Shaw invented cat's eyes and explain their importance to road safety 	
Y4	 recognise and describe many sounds and sound sources 	Sound, pitch, volume,
Sound and	 state that they hear sounds through their ears 	vibrations, medium,
Vibrations	 recognise that when sounds are generated by objects, something moves or vibrates 	insulation, travel, instrument

 identify how sounds are made, associating some of them with something vibrating 	
 identify what is vibrating in a range of musical instruments 	
 generalise that sounds are produced when objects vibrate 	
 describe how sounds are generated by specific objects 	
 suggest ways of producing sounds 	
 recognise that vibrations from sounds travel through a medium to the ear 	
 recognise that sounds travel through solids, water and air 	
 explore how sound travels through a variety of materials 	
 distinguish between pitch and volume (loudness) 	
describe differences in pitch and volume	
 find patterns between the pitch of a sound and features of the object that produced it 	
 know that altering vibrations alters the pitch or volume 	
• describe ways in which the pitch of a sound made by a particular instrument or vibrating object can	be raised or
lowered	
• generalise the effects of changes on sound (e.g. the tighter the tension the higher the pitch)	
• explore how to vary the pitch and volume of sounds from a variety of objects or instruments	
• find patterns between the volume of a sound and the strength of the vibrations that produced it	
 suggest how to change the loudness of the sounds produced by a range of musical instruments 	
 recognise that sounds get fainter as the distance from the sound source increases 	
 describe what they observe when they move further away from a source of sound 	
• group instruments independently by the way sounds are produced	
identify suitable materials to use for sound insulation	
 recognise that sound can be reflected from a surface which can cause an echo 	
describe how some animals use echo-location	
Y6 • explore how light travels using torches and periscopes	Reflection, transparent,
Light • recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines	translucent, opaque,
describe reflection as light 'bouncing off' objects	periscope, luminous, non-
 understand that in order to be seen, all non-luminous objects must reflect light 	luminous, absorb, direction
 diagrammatically represent light from sources and bouncing off reflective surface using arrows 	
• explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes	
or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes	
 draw diagrams to illustrate how light is travelling from the source to the eye 	
• use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen	
because they give out or reflect light into the eve	
 describe a variety of ways of changing the size of the shadow produced by an object 	
• describe the relationship between the size of a shadow and the distance between the light source a	and an object

٠	diagrammatically represent the formation of shadows using arrow convention	
•	use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects	
	that cast them	
•	know that, when sunlight passes through some objects, coloured light is produced (for example in rainbows,	
	soup bubbles and prisms)	
•	describe how curved mirrors distort a reflection	

Forces

	Expectations	Key words
EYFS	 observe and describe movements they and objects make 	Push, pull, twist, squash,
Moving		stretch
Y3	 recognise that pushes and pulls are forces 	Force, push, pull, speed up,
Forces and	 recognise that a force acts in a particular direction 	slow down, change shape,
Magnets	 observe the movements, shape and direction of objects when forces act on them 	change direction,
	 describe how to make a familiar object start moving by pushing or pulling 	movement, direction,
	 describe how to use pushes and pulls to make familiar objects speed up, slow down, change direction or shape 	friction, magnets, magnetic,
	 produce annotated drawings showing the direction of force needed to make an object move 	surface, magnetism, north
	identify friction as a force	pole, south pole, repel,
	 observe and explore how friction affects the movement of objects 	attract,
	 describe some ways in which friction between solid surfaces can be increased or decreased 	
	 compare how things move on different surfaces 	
	 observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others 	
	 classify materials as magnetic or non-magnetic 	
	 compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a 	
	magnet, and identify some magnetic materials	
	 describe the difference between a magnet and a magnetic material 	
	 notice that some forces need contact between two objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance 	
	 describe what happens when some materials are put near a magnet 	
	 recall that magnets have a north and a south pole 	
	 describe magnets as having two poles 	
	 describe the direction of forces between magnets 	
	 predict whether two magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing 	
	describe some everyday uses of magnets	
	 explain that a compass works by lining up with the Earth's magnetic field 	
	 describe how lodestone was found to be a naturally occurring magnet and was used as the first compass for navigation 	
	navigation	

Y5	 identify and name the components of the solar system (i.e. Sun, Moon, Earth and other planets) 	Earth, Sun, planet, Mercury,
Earth and	 locate the Sun, Earth and other planets in the solar system 	Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Moon,
Space	 recognise that the Earth and other planets orbit the Sun 	Saturn, Uranus, Neptune,
	 recall that the Earth takes one year to orbit the Sun 	solar system, spherical,
	 recall that the Earth rotates on its' axis and this takes one day 	moon, day and night,
	 describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system 	celestial body, rotation,
	 use simple physical models to explain effects that are caused by the movement of the Earth 	hemisphere, orbit, gravity,
	 recognise that the Moon orbits the Earth 	shadow, daylight
	• explain that gravity is a force of attraction and it is what holds the planets in orbit around the Sun and the Moon in orbit around the Earth	
	 describe the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth 	
	• explain that the changes in the appearance of the Moon over a period of 28 days arise from the Moon orbiting the Earth once every 28 days	
	describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as approximately spherical bodies	
	 recognise that the Earth, Sun and Moon are spherical and support this with some evidence 	
	 recognise that it is daylight in the part of the Earth facing the Sun 	
	 recall that a shadow from the Sun changes over the course of a day 	
	 explore and describe how a shadow from the Sun changes over the course of a day 	
	• explain in terms of the rotation of the Earth why shadows change and the Sun appears to move across the sky	
	during the course of the day	
	 use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky 	
	 explain why it is night time in Australia when it is day time in England 	
	• explain how ideas about the solar system have changed over time	
Forces	 identify weight as a force 	
	identify that force is measured in Newtons	
	 name simple forces such as gravity, friction and air resistance 	
	 recognise that more than one force can act on an object 	force, air resistance, water
	 draw force diagrams with arrows showing the direction of forces acting on an object 	resistance, magnetic

 observe and explore the effect of several forces on objects 	attraction, gravitational
 recognise that air resistance slows things down 	attraction, direction, force,
 recognise that friction can be useful or not useful 	motion, weight, upthrust,
 identify the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction, that act between moving surfaces 	Newton, forcemeter,
 describe some situations in which there is more than once force acting on an object 	stationary, surface area,
 describe and explain the motion of some familiar objects in terms of several forces acting on them 	force applied, pulley, lever,
 identify forces on an object as either balanced or unbalanced 	gear
 use the terms 'balanced' and unbalanced' when describing several forces on an object 	-
 explain that balanced forces on an object cause it to remain stationary or travel at the same speed 	
• explain that unbalanced forces on an object cause it to speed up, change shape or slow down	
• explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the	
Earth and the falling object	
 understand that air resistance is the frictional force of air on objects moving through it 	
• describe some of the factors that increase friction between solid surfaces and increase air and water resistance	
• describe situations in which frictional forces are helpful as well as those in which frictional forces are unhelpful	
 compare the tread on bicycle tyres according to how much friction they need 	
• identify streamlined objects and describe why they have been designed in this way (e.g. cycling helmets, formula 1	
cars. dolphins)	
 explore the effects of levers, pulleys and gears 	
 recognise that some mechanisms, including levers, nulleys and gears, allow a smaller force to have a greater 	
effect	
 describe how levers nulleys and agars are used in everyday life (e.g. describe how having agars can make it easier 	
to nedal a hike how a hottle onener makes it easier to onen a hottle lid)	
 evaluation how introducing gears onto hikes has changed cycling 	
explain now incloadency years once blikes has enanged cycling	

Electricity

	Expectations		Key words
EYFS	•	know electricity can be dangerous	Battery, electricity, switch
	•	explore a range of battery powered devices	
Y4	•	identify common appliances that run on electricity	Battery, cell, wires,
Circuits	•	identify mains operated and battery operated devices	switch, crocodile clips,
and	•	describe some of the dangers associated with mains electricity	buzzer, bulb, circuit,
Components	•	name some components of a simple electrical circuit	symbols, insulator,
	•	know that batteries are sources of electricity	conductor, plastic, metal,
	•	recognise that for a circuit to work it must be complete	appliance, component
	•	construct a working circuit	

	• construct a simple series electrical circuit, identifying and naming its basic parts, including cells, wires, bulbs,	
	switches and buzzers	
	 make drawings of simple working circuits (pictorial only circuit symbols covered in year 6) 	
	 make circuits from drawings provided 	
	 identify whether or not a lamp will light in a simple series circuit, based on whether or not the lamp is part of a 	
	complete loop with a battery	
	 are methodical in tracina faults in simple circuits 	
	 describe the effect of making and breaking one of the contacts on a circuit 	
	• explain why some circuits work and others do not	
	• recognise that a switch opens and closes a circuit and associate this with whether or not a lamp lights in a simple	
	series circuit	
	describe how switches work	
	construct a home-made switch	
	 identify materials as conductors or insulators 	
	 construct simple circuits and use them to test whether materials are electrical conductors or insulators 	
	 recognise some common conductors and insulators, and associate metals with being good conductors 	
	 relate knowledge about metals and non-metals to their use in electrical appliances 	
	 describe the use of conductors and insulators in components including connecting wires 	
	 identify playdough and graphite as non-metal conductors and explain why this is unusual 	
Y6	 know that the 'amount' of electricity (voltage) depends on the number of batteries 	Voltage, current, series,
Electricity	 construct some working series circuits with specified components 	component, circuit,
	 recognise conventional circuit symbols 	conductor,
	 use recognised symbols when representing a simple circuit in a diagram 	positive/negative
	 draw circuit diagrams and construct circuits from diagrams using conventional symbols 	terminal, complete
	 explore how to change the brightness of bulbs and the volume of a buzzer 	circuit, battery, cell
	 describe ways of changing the brightness of a bulb in a circuit or the volume of a buzzer 	
	 compare different circuits (e.g. for brightness of bulb) 	
	 recall that the amount of electricity is measured in voltage 	
	 associate the brightness of a lamp or the volume of a buzzer with the number and voltage of cells used in the 	
	circuit	
	 compare and give reasons for variations in how components function, including the brightness of bulbs, the 	
	loudness of buzzers and the on/off position of switches	
	explore the thickness of a wire in a circuit	
	describe the differences between wires usually used for circuits and fuse wires	
	• describe what would happen if all the lights in a home were connected in the same circuit and one broke	
	• explain the current in circuits using simple models and analogies (e.g. piped water, bicycle chain, children and sweets)	